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NEWSLETTER FOR MEMBERS OF THE
OWASIPPE STAFF ASSOCIATION

MAY 1993

President's Perspective

OK, take a good look and say who is this guy? I have been around but you just don't remember. However, I remember when Jack Coussens was Camp Director at Stuart, Bill Lotter was the Aquatic Director, Chuck Nagel was Aquatic Director at South, Carl Young and Edgar were Abbott & Costello, Ron Kulak was fighting a forest fire at White Pines, and Steve Horvath was a volunteer arguing with irate Scoutmasters at Roundtables after summer camp. I remember the closing of Beard, the opening of Crown, and the closing of Stuart. I remember Mike Finnegan when he was four feet tall; Nancy Chlebek when her name was O'Reilly, driving furniture to Pat Monahan's house for a garage sale, and Chauncey at family camp. I remember Tony Krier when he was a scoutmaster, Bill Schaefer when he was Director at Crown, and Pete Klaeser taking his meals behind closed doors.

Some things I can't remember are Scott Weber without his dog, Frank Chlebek not doing the OSA membership, Tiny not driving a truck, Joe Sener without a cast on his foot, Frank Accardi not driving scouts to church, Buda being small.

An old Irish proverb states, "You will never plow a field by turning it over in your mind." So when it comes time to do the plowing this year, I hope you all will remember me, your Board of Directors, and the Purpose of the OSA.

Now I would like to toast a few scoutmasters who for years have brought troops to Owasppe: Earl Winna, Al Schneegas, Bill Foertsch, Jim Budzileni, Ervin Brinkman, and all of Troop 600. My thanks also to Barb Payne and Debbie Jaregui for organizing the 1993 Dinner Dance.

Yours in the Purpose,

Bob Ward

The Galloping Grapevine

Richard Christopher is married and has four sons. He is currently Deputy Chief Counsel with the Illinois Department of Transportation.

Letter from Tony Krier: Just got back from Owasispe. I was up there for a week. It needs a lot of help. If we don't do something soon, it won't be there to do anything about.

Arthur Michaelson dropped us a line. He has been married to Donna for 42 years. He and Donna have a son, Donald, and a daughter, Linda Mack. The couple also has five grandchildren.

Tim Peraino recently returned from an Australian & New Zealand vacation in November 1992. He did some bungie jumping in Queenstown, N.Z., from an old wooden bridge -- what a rush!! He is looking forward to warmer weather to golf and to play beach volleyball.

Craig Gonder worked at Crown in 1984, COPE in 1987, and was a truck driver in 1988. He graduated from Boston University and served as a Naval Officer in Operations Desert Shield, Desert Storm, and Provide Comfort. Craig is now a full-time graduate student in mathematics and secondary education at UIC, and a part-time tutor at Gray School. In his spare time, Craig helps his landlord parents renovate and maintain their Rogers Park four-flat apartment building.

CONGRATULATIONS to Joe Kerke who was married to Hattie Smith on October 17, 1992. Joe and Hattie met at Kenwood Academy in Chicago where they both are chemistry teachers. The couple now resides in Hazel Crest. Joe worked at Robert Crown in 1971, 1972, 1975 and 1976.

Glenn Roberts and Frank Accardi are both active in the Berwyn Kiwanis Golden-K club. Also, Frank and his wife, JoAnn, have hosted the Owasispe Senior Camp for the past seven years. Glenn has been involved in Scouting ever since he became a Tenderfoot in 1924. He has handled real estate, taxes, and camp business as an Owasispe volunteer since retiring.

We received a postcard from Jim Frale recently. Here it is: Probably will not see you at any work weekends coming up. We made the break from Chi town in October 1992, and now live in Glenwood Springs, Colorado (get your atlas out). No surrounding suburb names other than Mt. Sopus, Chair Mountain, Frying Pan River and Roaring Fork Valley. This is God's Country! Nancy is doing civil engineering and field surveying. I am hiking, biking and swimming weekly in hot springs outdoor pool, kind of like Big Blue, only different. Stop by one and all if ever out this way. Jim Frale, P.O. Box 2984, Glenwood Springs, CO, 81602.

Bob Michaud has bought a house in Yuma, Arizona.

Member Ron Spyrnal missed camping at Owasippe this past summer due to heart bypass surgery on July 6. His son Thaddeus, a senior at St. Xavier University, married Kathi in October 1992. His daughter Susan has been on Reneker staff for four summers. She graduated from Mother McAuley H.S. with honors, and is now attending St. Xavier also. We are sorry to report that both of Ron's parents passed away in January 1993.

Anne O'Sullivan Costello is the mother of active David and wife of Denis. They live in Toronto. Anne is an LD/BD teacher, while Denis is a social worker.

Ron Neibert dropped us a note. Ron has been married for 38 years, he has three daughters and one son. One of Ron's daughters met her husband at Family Camp, and Ron's son Ron worked at Robert Crown in the 1970s. Ron will return to camp in 93 with one less bag.

Chris Bury has moved to Bethesda, Maryland to become the head correspondent for Ted Koppel's Nightline on ABC.

John Chikow entered into holy matrimony with the lovely Victoria Anne Noe on May 7, 1993. Best wishes go out to them for a long and happy life. If John can find a great woman, there is hope for everyone out there.

Nancy Chlebek gave birth to a baby son named Daniel Joseph on March 19, 1993. The baby weighed 7 lbs., 5 oz. and was 22 inches in length. Mother, baby, and proud father, Frank, are doing just fine.

On the night of the OSA Banquet, a catastrophe was averted. If Jim Nothnagel's replacement to oversee the Illinois Lottery drawing did not show up, a car full of us merrymakers would have had to drive downtown to certify that night's drawing. After a phone call, we all were relieved that the person was there.

Gordie Stiefel has been named to a special committee for the State of Illinois. He is a member of the Interagency Council on Early Intervention. Best wishes to Gordie to straighten out Springfield.

Ken Van Der Griend reports that he was married in May 1992 to Nancy, and the couple lives in Oak Park. In February 1993 Nancy gave birth to a beautiful seven pound, 12 ounce girl, Helen Elizabeth. Mary Cate (Nancy's six year old daughter from her first marriage) is very thrilled to have a little sister. Ken is currently the Director of Systems Development for the University of Illinois at Chicago. Ken plans on completing his MBA this month.

Karen Schaefer and Christian Nyberg will be married on June 5, 1993. Congratulations.

New Members

Art Paull finally joined the OSA. Art worked for many years up at Owasippe and directed the Pack and Paddle program for two years. Art is married to Laura O'Reilly Paull.

Richard Parrish worked at OSR from 1973-76. He was a CIT Trading Post clerk and a Wolverine North staffman. Rich is married with a daughter and lives in Oak Forest.

Neil O'Rourke camped at Owasippe from 1977-85. He is married to Carol and lives in Oak Lawn.

Susan Spyrnal worked the last few years at Camp Reneker. Her father who is a long time Scoutmaster at Owasippe is also a member. Sue lives on the east side of Chicago.

Kevin Oster worked at Blackhawk from 1988-1992. He was Ecology-Conservation Director, Commissioner, and Assistant Camp Director. Kevin lives in Chicago Ridge.

Grapevine News Needed

If you have news about one of our OSA or OSR friends, please write to us about it. Send to:

OSA Vibrations
PO BOX 7097
Westchester, IL 60153

New 1993 OSA Board of Directors

The 15th Annual OSA Dinner Dance and Annual Meeting was held on March 6, 1993 at the Woodridge Country Club. A special thanks to Barb Payne and Debbie Jaregui for organizing this very successful event. There were easily over 100 people in attendance. During the meeting the following members were voted onto the Board of Directors:

Jerry Brown
Diane Posen
Vince Rychtanek

Congratulations! The Board would like to recognize those members who ran for a Board seat but were not elected. Your interest in the OSA is appreciated.

Board of Directors (continued)

It was then announced to those in attendance at the Dinner Dance that Bob Ward has been elected President of the OSA for 1993. During the first meeting of the new Board held in April 1993, the following Executive Board members were elected:

Bill Ness, Vice-President
Bill Schaefer, Jr., Treasurer
Vince Rychtanek, Secretary

The full list of Board members can be found on the last page of this newsletter. Finally the 1993 Board would like to recognize outgoing Board members Chris Finnegan, Tony Petrauskas, and Pete Klaeser. Thanks for three years of dedication!

Owasippe Staff Development Fund

The OSA Board recently approved the formation of the Owasippe Staff Development Fund. The monies donated to this fund will be used to support the Staff Development Program at Owasippe. Such items as hats, patches, clip boards, and neckerchiefs are purchased each year for the Counselor-In-Training (CIT) program. Owasippe is interested in sharing some of the costs of these items, but we as past staff members could aid Owasippe in this matter. So far, \$1,035 has been donated in this effort. We thank the members listed below for their generous support of this program:

John Brown
Jack Coussens
John Kennedy
Glenn Roberts
Lester Busse
Ken Young
Phil Pappas
James Nothnagel
Bob Kjellander

Tony Krier
John Kosik
Pat & Linda Monahan
Sandy DeHaan
Frank Chlebek
Alan Schneegas
Steve Horvath III
Ron Kulak
Jim Smolinski

Ray Thomasson
John Grout
Roger Humphreville
Robert Ward
Jerry Lutz
Ken Van Der Griend
Tim Peraino
Jerry Brown

If anyone is interested in contributing to this Fund, they can send their check made payable to the Owasippe Staff Association, to either:

OSA - Staff Development Fund
PO Box 7097
Westchester, IL 60153

or

Frank Chlebek
13729 S. Brainard, Apt. 8
Chicago, IL 60633

1993 OSA Spring Fix-It

The 1993 OSA Spring Fix-It will be held at Owasippe during the weekend May 21-23. Several members of the OSA Board met with Owasippe Director Paul Perkins and Head Ranger Don Studaven on April 24 to discuss the projects for this event. Here is what we were told. First, Owasippe would like the focus of the OSA Spring Fix-It to be Camp Blackhawk. The reason for this is that Owasippe will host National Camp School this June, and the camp school will be run at Blackhawk. For this reason, Owasippe wants to get Blackhawk looking sharp. Regarding projects to be started during the Spring Fix-It, here they are:

1. Build an Ecology-Conservation shelter at Blackhawk, to be followed by a similar shelter at Wolverine. For years, the nature centers at Owasippe have consisted of floorboards and dining flies, with no place to store and lock valuable equipment (i.e., aquariums, binoculars, telescopes) except for a patrol box. The Ecology-Conservation shelters will be similar to the Sterling Craft Village built by Owasippe and the OSA last year at Blackhawk. The shelters will be built with a lockable room in which the nature staff can secure their equipment each night. Carpenters and electricians are needed for this project.
2. Install the docks at Blackhawk beach.
3. Stain Blackhawk dining lodge.
4. Stain the Sterling Craft Village.
5. Over the winter, vandals ripped most of the screens in the Blackhawk staff row cabins. These screens need repair.
6. Repair sailboats and canoes.
7. Reshingle Wolverine site 10 kybo.
8. Repair cots.
9. Check and repair vehicles.
10. Also, Owasippe would like to purchase a new 10' x 15' American Flag and a new 10' x 15' Owasippe Flag to fly in front of Ad Center. The total cost for these two new flags is \$508. Any members who would like to donate toward the purchase of these flags please send a check labeled "Flag Donation" to the OSA PO Box.

As you can see there is a substantial list of projects to be completed at the Fix-It, and our best chance of finishing these projects is to get as many members, family, and friends as we can up for the weekend. Owasippe needs our help! Call Bob Ward (312/582-9674) to reserve your place or for more information. Lodging and food will be provided.

Calendar of Upcoming OSA Events

May 17-19, 1993

Shop'N'Share
Jewel
Chris Finnegan 708/257-0611

May 21-23, 1993

Spring Fix-It
Owasippe
Bob Ward 312/582-9674

June 28-30, 1993

Shop'N'Share
Dominicks
Chris Finnegan 708/257-0611

August 16-18, 1993

Shop'N'Share
Jewel
Bob Ward 312/582-9674

August 21, 1993

OSA Picnic, 67th & Mannheim
Theodore Stone Grove No. 1
Bill Schaefer 312/736-3443

September 20-22, 1993

Shop'N'Share
Dominicks
Chris Finnegan 708/257-0611

September 24-26, 1993

Fall Fix-It
Owasippe
Bob Ward 312/582-9674

November 15-17, 1993

Shop'N'Share
Jewel
Chris Finnegan 708/257-0611

1993 OSA Promotional Items

Making their debut at the Dinner Dance, the OSA now has a new, improved line of items sporting the OSA logo, such as:

Hats	\$10 ✓
T-Shirts	\$12 ✓
Golf Shirts	\$18
Rugby Shirts	\$20
Sweatshirts/Crew Neck	\$20
Sweatshirts/Hooded	\$22 ✓
Sweatpants	\$14
Coat	\$45 ✓
Golf Towel	\$12
Fanny Packs	\$10 ✓
Umbrellas	\$15 ✓
Traveling Kit	\$14 ✓
Thermal Cooler Bag/Small	\$14
Thermal Cooler Bag/Large	\$18
Nylon Duffel Bag/Small	\$15 } ✓
Nylon Duffel Bag/Medium	\$20 }
Nylon Duffel Bag/Jumbo	\$50
Huggie Can Coolers	\$3

To place an order contact:

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